per hectare yield in the country has been increasing significantly since last two-three years to the advantage of cotton farmers in increasing their overall income. Simultaneously, the nominated agencies like CCI has been rendering all necessary marketing support to the farmers in selling their produce at minimum support prices announced by the Government of India.

Training by NIFT to local artisans under SGSY

3481. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Fashion Technology is imparting training to local artisans under the Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana;

(b) if so, whether Government have established a large number of micro enterprises in the rural areas for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof specially in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;

(d) the amount allocated and utilized during the last one year;

(e) whether the training has been designed to provide proper support and encouragement to tap the inherent telents and capabilities of the rural poor; and

(f) if so, the success achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. NIFT is imparting training to local artisans of the Clusters under the Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) Project of Ministry of Rural Development.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Project would also catalyse creation of self help groups and micro enterprises in the identified cluster areas.

(c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent a proposal to the Ministry of Rural Development.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The project is currently under implementation in:

(i) Surendernagar-Gujarat

(ii) Hampi-Karnataka

(iii) Birbhum-Kolkata

(iv) Kozikode-Kerala

(v) Dhar-Madhya Pradesh

Setting up of Fusion of Art in Chhattisgarh

†3482. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Chhattisgarh has sent any proposal for the constitution of Fusion of Art;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be accepted; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) On receipt of complete documents from the Chhattisgarh Hastshilp Vikas Board, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, the proposal will be evaluated for sanction as per norms.

Constitution of committee for weavers

3483. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India promised to appoint a committee to look in the causes of distress facing by the weaving community in the country particularly the handloom sector;

(b) if so, whether a committee has been constituted; and

(c) if constituted, what is the brief of the committee and by when it has to submit a report and what is the progress in this regard?

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